

Hungary

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Roma population	Estimate in the document	approximately 750 000
	<i>Council of Europe estimates</i>	<i>approximately 700 000 i.e. 7.05 % of the population</i>
Approach		National strategy

	KEY ELEMENTS	IDENTIFIED GAPS
Education	<p>The sound strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Compulsory pre-school participation from 3 years of age.</p> <p>After-school programmes.</p> <p>Second chance schools.</p> <p>Mediators.</p> <p>School meals.</p>	<p><i>More focus on desegregation, integrated education and ensuring that mainstream policies also respond to the specific needs of Roma could further improve this part of the strategy.</i></p>
Employment	<p>The sound strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>A very clear vision on raising employment in a systematic way, based on 3 pillars (integration into open and legal labour market; through active labour market policies; social economy; and public employment schemes for the most disadvantaged).</p> <p>Specific attention to job creation in rural areas, mainly in the agricultural sector.</p>	<p><i>More focus on reintegration to the open labour market, developing more concrete measures in the area of social economy, self-employment /microfinance and vocational training would be needed. Clear share of tasks and responsibilities among service providers and targeted services for Roma job-seekers via the public employment service could improve results.</i></p> <p><i>Possibilities of job creation in rural areas in sectors other than agriculture could also be considered.</i></p>
Health	<p>The sound strategy includes in particular the following positive elements:</p> <p>Strong analytical part in the area of health.</p> <p>Acknowledgement of the need to target Roma women and children specifically.</p> <p>Active involvement of civil society and Roma representative foreseen in implementation of the strategy.</p> <p>Focus on geographically deprived areas (micro-regions) covering also non-Roma population living under the similar conditions as Roma.</p> <p>Training programmes for healthcare and social service workforce</p> <p>Measures to tackle unhealthy lifestyles.</p>	<p><i>Developing measurable targets and more specific measures to tackle problems identified would be necessary. A clearer timeline for implementation, reinforcing the budget would make measures more efficient.</i></p>

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Housing	It is particularly positive that a complex programme is in place for those living in segregated environment, conceived within an integrated approach.	<i>More attention should be paid to social housing.</i>
Structural requirements and funding	<p>Consultation with a wide range of stakeholders (Roma and civil society representatives, academics, local and regional authorities) took place when drafting the strategy. A territorial attention is paid to the situation of Roma and some meetings of consultation have taken place within the regions.</p> <p>Specific attention is paid to the situation of children as well as to raising awareness on discrimination.</p> <p>EU resources are quantified and listed for the planned measures targeting disadvantaged people.</p> <p>The strategy makes reference to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), without mentioning any amount.</p>	<i>The strategy would be even more precise if a detailed description of the monitoring and evaluation system was added. The sustainability of EU funded measures and the need to mobilise national resources requires further attention.</i>